



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2012-0013]

Lead in General Industry Standard; Extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Approval of Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements specified in its Standard on Lead in General Industry.

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES:

Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and OSHA docket number (OSHA-2012-0013) for the Information Collection Request (ICR). OSHA will place all comments and requests to speak, including personal information you provide, in the public docket without change, which may be available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and birthdates. For further information on submitting comments, see the "Public Participation" heading in the section of this notice titled "**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**"

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to

<http://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office. All documents in the docket (including this *Federal Register* notice) are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, (TTY (877) 889-5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Seleda Perryman or Theda Kenney, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone (202) 693-2222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (i.e., employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information collection requirements in accord with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (See 29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum

extent feasible unnecessary duplication of effort in obtaining information (See 29 U.S.C. 657).

The Standard on Lead in General Industry (29 CFR 1910.1025) requires initial and periodic exposure monitoring and measurements, medical surveillance by physicians through biological monitoring and examinations, and recordkeeping and notification obligations. These requirements help protect workers from the adverse health effects that may result from their occupational involvement with lead, and provide access to these records by OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the affected workers, and designated representatives. The major information collection requirements of this standard include the following elements of the Standard.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions to protect workers, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply. For example, by using automated or other technological information collection, and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

The agency is requesting an adjusted increase in burden hours, from 1,071,602 hours to 1,134,438 hours, a difference of 62,836 hours. The increase in burden is due to the increase in the number of professional establishments, going from 53,469 to 56,906,

which increased the number of exposed employees by 46,166, from 767,878 employees to 814,044 employees. Also, due to the decrease in the estimated initial exposure monitoring, initial medical examinations, as well as decreased costs to perform biological monitoring and medical examinations under the standard, there is a decrease in total operation and maintenance costs of \$21,775,260 (from \$166,855,380 to \$145,080,120).

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Lead in General Industries Standard (29 CFR 1910.1025).

OMB Control Number: 1218-0092.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 56,906.

Number of Responses: 3,886,840.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion.

Average Time per Response: Varies.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,134,438.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$145,080,120.

IV. Public Participation — Submission of Comments on this Notice and Internet

Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows: (1) electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; (2) by facsimile (fax); or (3) by hard copy. **Please note:** While OSHA's Docket Office is continuing to accept and process submissions by hand, express mail, messenger, and courier service, all comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (Docket No. OSHA-2012-0013). You may supplement electronic submissions by uploading document files electronically. If you wish to mail additional materials in reference to an electronic or a facsimile submission, you must submit them to the OSHA Docket Office (see the section of this notice titled "**ADDRESSES**"). The additional materials must clearly identify your electronic comments by your name, date, and the docket number so that the agency can attach them to your comments.

Due to security procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of comments. For information about security procedures concerning the delivery of materials by hand, express delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5672).

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and dates of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through this website. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about materials not available from the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 et seq.) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912).

Signed in Washington, D.C., on December 2, 2022.

James S. Frederick,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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